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Attn: Antitrust Division
Office of Attorney General
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Dear Ms. Coakley:

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen during this period of public comment regarding Partners Healthcare System's expansion plans approved by your office. It would be a gross disservice to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts if Partners Healthcare is denied its expansion plans to continue providing their world class medical care within the community.

I facilitate a domestic violence support group for women and have referred many victims to Partners. Throughout the years I have seen these battered and abused women experience different levels of care and attitudes from other facilities. However, they have learned to rely on the confidential quality patient-focused care they have received at Partners. I would not recommend a non-Partners facility going forward.

In addition, with baby boomers retiring and a much larger population growing older it only makes sense to secure the expansion plans of Partners Healthcare. Don't we all want and deserve quality healthcare for ourselves and our loved ones? Massachusetts is both nationally and internationally known for having some of the highest quality hospitals and healthcare facilities in the world. Let's keep it that way and allow Partners Healthcare to expand!

Sincerely,


Maura Schaeffer Jobin